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TO : Chief, Intelligence School

FROM : OTR Briefing Officer

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Reports #44 and #45
7 December to 20 December 1960

DATE: 20 December 1960

OPERATIONAL BRIEFING

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2. In its agent-handling aspects, this was one of the most challenging assignments ever undertaken in this office. DDP case officers had to use a "hard approach" with the guests, and Mr. [REDACTED] role was to use a "soft approach" to salvage the pride of the sensitive [REDACTED] and get them to accept strict DDP guidance. Mr. [REDACTED] called in General Cabell at one point and Mr. [REDACTED] at another. The combined approach succeeded, and the Agency's objectives were realized. A full report on the visit, the personalities, the debriefings, and the problems encountered has been submitted to WH.

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3. One of the problems that has led to dissatisfaction on the part of the [REDACTED] has been the training that they have received here. The general complaint is that it has been too basic. In the past, not enough attention has been paid [REDACTED] to sending up homogeneous groups. The main difficulty, however, is one of [REDACTED] pride. Some modifications need to be made, but essentially what the [REDACTED] service needs is basic tradecraft instruction. What has to be done is to give the very best course that they need (which will be basic) but to label it "advanced." WH has agreed that future courses for this service should be carefully planned, with the C/OS/TR cut in at the planning stage. Not being cut in at the planning stage is, of course, an old DDS problem--or perhaps it should be called a DDP problem.

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BRIEFINGS OF SENIOR US OFFICIALS

1. On 16 December a briefing was conducted for Mr. Francis Russell, newly appointed Ambassador to Ghana. Participating

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in the briefing were the Messrs. Dulles, [REDACTED]

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2. On 20 December a briefing was conducted for Mr. Thomas K. Wright, newly appointed Ambassador to the Republic of Mali. Participating in the briefing were the Messrs. Amory, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

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ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE BRIEFING

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1. On 14 December a briefing was conducted by Colonel [REDACTED] (War Plans Staff) and Mr. [REDACTED] for 800 students and staff members of the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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2. The briefing was part of the UW phase of the regular course. Mr. [REDACTED] spoke for 25 minutes on the Clandestine Services, Colonel [REDACTED] another 25 minutes on CIA's projected wartime support of the Army's UW forces, and the question period lasted 25 minutes. All but one of the questions dealt with the first part of the presentation. The whole package seemed to be well received by the students.

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3. Major General Harold K. Johnson, the Commandant, introduced the presentation with the strangest of introductions. He began, in a deadly serious voice: "The next presentation is a very controversial one . . . on a controversial Agency" He then briefly referred to the NSCID 5 problem (General Johnson was formerly G-3 in Germany, alongside General Van Natta) and to CIA-Army UW problems. The climax came when he introduced the speaker in the following manner: "Mr. [REDACTED] whose title is 'CIA Briefing Officer,' but I'm sure he must be more than that!"

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4. In conversation, General Johnson expressed some concern for the morale of his foreign students. There are 150 foreign students from 48 countries at the College. They are, of course, excluded from classified presentations. They understand, but still the fact of exclusion is not palatable, especially for the closer Allies. Mr. [REDACTED] offered to brief the foreign officers on the US intelligence system, much as Mr. Amory had done last summer in the "Naval Intelligence Course for Allied Officers" sponsored by NIS. General Johnson accepted and was obviously pleased. The foreign students were assembled and were given a half-hour unclassified briefing. There were two questions from the floor and, after the briefing, a Philippine [REDACTED] a French, and a Belgian officer came up for individual questions.

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CIA REFRESHER

On 8 December this program was conducted for some 75 staff personnel from the Photographic Intelligence Center. This was the last in a series of three such briefings, which reached all or nearly all of the CIA contingent at the Center.

CIA INTRODUCTION

This program was conducted on 19 December for 37 EOD's. On 13 December a special EOD briefing was given by [REDACTED] for one person who was leaving PCS almost immediately.

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ADMINISTRATION

1. Materials on the NSC and the USIB have been supplied to (1) the [REDACTED] and (2) CI (for use in [REDACTED]). Prior coordination was achieved with [REDACTED].

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2. A meeting was held with [REDACTED] C/WH, [REDACTED], to plan a special evening briefing for a high-level foreign agent.

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